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MARSHALL REDIVIVUS.

Volcano Marshall is stirring up Manila in the old familiar way. He is convinced that the Filipinos are "lice and nits" and that their "removal" by the liberal use of gunpowder, is the only way in which to make the Philippine islands a fit place for white men who do not want to spend all their time in scratching. Having access to the columns of a widely-circulated paper, Mr. Marshall has given his views a publicity almost equal to those of "Hell Roaring" Jake Smith, the military reformer who proposed, with Marshall's hearty applause, to turn Samar into a "howling wilderness."

But there are timid and conservative souls in Manila as everywhere else and one of these writes to the Manila Times as follows:

Is it not time to call a halt? I ask thinking business men to consider the propriety of bringing this gentleman to time, by suggesting to "The Manila American" the inadvisability of allowing the columns of an important commercial paper to be occupied with offensive tirades of abuse of the natives of these islands.

Without going into the subject of the merits or demerits of the native; let him be good, bad or indifferent, we must look to commercial interests.

In view of Mr. Marshall's crusade, I would like to ask if any capitalist at home would entertain for a moment any idea of investing over here, if he thought that there was no security for life or limb, nor for property; and that what labor is to be had is in every sense unreliable, that industries can only exist, and civilization advance, by the wholesale slaughter of the only class of laborers now obtainable.

It is all very well to rant about exterminating these unfortunate people because our ancestors exterminated many of the Indian tribes of North America. Conditions here are not what they were in America. If every native could be slaughtered, and the whole archipelago rendered a "howling wilderness" in the sense that Mr. Marshall advocates, but not in the sense in which I believe our admired General Smith intended in Samar, does any sane man suppose that these islands would become populated by wholesale immigration from Anglo-Saxon or Saxon countries, as were the Western prairies cited by Mr. Marshall.

Apart from the material inadvisability of such propaganda as is being carried on by "Volcano Marshall," we have the moral standpoint. We set ourselves up on pretty high stilts as the most advanced of all nations in protecting weak and down-trodden people. Now would it, I ask, become us to attempt any policy of exterminating a people who are governing against their will? If not, then why encourage or even allow such advocacy in the commercial press? Is it not our plain duty to constantly keep before us the general improvement of the people and local industries, and thus help ourselves as well as them; for this, after all, especially the latter, is usually the prime object of most "public benefactors" whether they be nations or whether they be individuals, and let us be honest and admit that in this case it is ours. So when both can be obtained at the same time, why not adopt a policy of improvement of the race and not a policy of "damnation" of our countrymen and annihilation of the aborigine.

But we hardly think that mere protests will avail. Mr. Marshall has a ready smile and a glad hand, but he is really an exterminator and either he or the Filipino must go. If he stays, then the sanguinary campaign will proceed until the places that once knew the humble islander only know his epitaph.

CHEAP EATING.

It is always interesting to know how the other half lives and this letter, which the Advertiser is glad to print in full, throws some light on the subject:

Editor Advertiser: I have noticed and read considerable of late in your paper in regard to a reformed diet, called by some vegetarians, and I hope it may result in some move in this city towards the inauguration of a vegetarian restaurant; as it now is there is not a restaurant that serves over two vegetables at any one meal and that, generally, a restaurant here would be a place where a tableful of cooked corn or something similar. When one orders just vegetables and no meat and has to pay twenty-five cents for such a meager order it is rather trenching on good nature to be expected to pay it and not say anything.

The Advertiser has in nearly every large city in the United States restaurants where vegetables only are served, well cooked, and at a price that the poor can readily avail themselves thereof. Such a restaurant here would relieve much of the distress of the poor caused by a lack of food or insufficient food. Many are living on a cup of coffee and loaf of bread buttered, which they can get at the Chinese coffee houses for a nickel; now if such a restaurant was run here similar to the modest operandi of the Helping Hand Restaurant in San Francisco—it is controlled by the Advertisers—for a nickel one could get a bowl of vegetable soup and several other vegetables, thus furnishing a diversity of food which it is now impossible for the poor of Honolulu to obtain.

I am not an Adventist nor interested in this matter so far as I would like to see a move made towards having some sort of vegetarian restaurant in Honolulu, and I believe there are those of wealth who would take hold of this matter were it brought to their notice by some one of influence. As I have neither wealth or influence, I only sign myself

VEGETARIAN.

"Many are living on a cup of coffee and loaf of bread buttered which they can get at the Chinese coffee houses for a nickel." This is slim fare indeed, although to dietetic reformers it shows how little it takes to keep body and soul together in a society which insists on three meals per day. However, bread and coffee on a nickel basis are a regimen which even the most strenuous reformer would balk at, if for nothing more than the disastrous effect which

such an unvarying diet would have on the health.

That a vegetarian restaurant in Honolulu would find some support, we do not doubt; but it would need a great deal if it tried to do anything on a nickel basis. How many raw vegetables can be bought at a stand or from a cart for five cents? The number is small indeed, and only a fraction of it could be sold for a nickel after being cooked. Twenty-five cents is about the lowest price at which a vegetarian meal could be served in Honolulu; and this, of course, would go beyond the reach of the bread and coffee man.

A restaurant on the Salvation Army plan would be a very practical charity; one where food is prepared and sold at cost or even, in the event of a subsidy, for a little less than cost. Here the wayfarer would find a good beef and vegetable stew, or, if he preferred, vegetables alone; some baked beans, bread, coffee, doughnuts and a glass of milk. In some mainland towns this system is carried on with entire success; and one of its features is that meal tickets are sold in bundles by the Salvation Army people to well-to-do citizens and are given to the beggar in lieu of money. The Advertiser, contemplating the poor fellows who get their buttered stale bread and lukewarm chicory for a nickel and let living go at that, would like very much to see the Salvation Army plan tried in Honolulu.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.

For a region that lies geographically in the thick of things, little is heard or known of Lower California. Joined to busy Southern California and mentioned in history as one of the earliest places occupied by white men in the western littoral of North America; fronting on that part of the Pacific which carries Hawaiian, Australian, Philippine and Central American traffic and lying in the latitude of Texas, Florida and Georgia, with the thriving mainland of Mexico close by, it ought to be a definite factor in affairs. Especially is this true when one considers its attractions and resources. Thirty years ago a writer in Harper's Monthly said that the climate of its great table land, was the most equable in the world, and that was not, as it turns out, an overstatement. In this respect Lower California is an improved Southern California. Then again, its soil is rich, its mountain range yields abundant water, it is prolific in minerals including gold and copper. It is a better region than Florida, which it mates on the map as a continental cape.

Yet how little it counts for! Once in a while smugglers are reported on its frontier and the other day its Mexican Governor, Sangines, was arrested for shooting a prisoner with his own hand. That about tells the story of life in Lower California. There is no mining or agriculture to speak of, no commerce of any account and few inhabitants. Nobody ever hears from La Paz, the southern capital—a city lying almost due East from Honolulu—and the glory of the northern capital, Ensenada, departed with the San Diego boom. That place, sunlit on its incomparable bay, may have one hundred or perhaps two hundred inhabitants; and the whole peninsula north of La Paz probably does not boast 5000; the remaining population of about 29,000 lives in the extreme South and includes Indians. Yet Lower California is larger by 10,000 square miles, than the Empire State of New York and could, with a proper system of irrigation, comfortably support millions of people. It could be another France for fruit and wine; another Colorado for minerals; another Newfoundland for fisheries. All it needs, as a preliminary, is the American flag.

Lower California would have been a part of the United States if the men who made the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, representing the Americans, had known their business. But they were Easterners to whom a place which looked arid in summer—the possibilities of irrigation being then unknown—did not appeal. Even Alta California was flouted in that day and by men of the intelligence of Daniel Webster. So it came about that Lower California, which might easily have been annexed with California proper, was left out, as something not worth the taking.

But the peninsula is sure to come in. Geographically it is not a part of Mexico but of the United States; so much so that Mexican troops intended for its northern garrison have to travel over 1000 miles on American railroads to reach their posts. It will have a certain strategic value when the Panama canal is built; and the chances it gives for progressive people to get rich are manifold. Where these conditions exist the doctrine of Manifest Destiny will ultimately apply, the ways and means being a mere matter of detail. We may add that none of the logic of the appeal against holding the Filipinos touches the annexation of Lower California, the place having so few inhabitants as to raise no race question of importance.

It was inevitable that the Supreme Court would decide in favor of the McBryde bonds. There never was any reason in law or fact to view them with alarm, and the attack made upon them by the First Circuit Court was due to an incentive which we prefer not to characterize. Now that the Supreme Court, by a unanimous vote, has decided in favor of the bonds, a very disagreeable and withal unnecessary incident has been closed.

If the small farmers of Kona give up raising sugar cane because of the want of milling facilities, there is still a chance left them. The poorest quality

of vanilla bean still brings \$5 per pound and the best grade, the Mexican, \$20; and it is in countries like this that vanilla thrives the best. That the vine will grow and yield here, when treated merely as a dooryard plant, has been proved, and there would seem to be no reason why it would not do well as a commercial proposition. Kona people who want an expert view of the matter can probably get it of Mr. Edwards, the vanilla planter who came to Hawaii from the Seychelles islands and established himself at Napoopo.

NOW UP TO THE
PARTY PRIMARIES

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and absent from the city for some time. G. W. K. King was elected to his place on the executive committee.

FIFTH PRECINCT, FOURTH DISTRICT.

There was a fair representation of the Fifth Precinct men at the Drill Shed where the meeting of the club was held. The meeting considered the matter of the ballots and there was some general discussion. The result of the nominations was as follows:

Territorial Convention: Samuel Johnson, O. C. Swain, W. H. Coney, Ernest Ross, J. Keohokii.

District Committee: Mike Harvey, Gus Rose, Nahora Hips, E. P. Chapin, E. Kees, S. Kaali, O. C. Swain, Sam Johnson, W. H. Coney, J. A. Matthewmann, M. J. Bissell.

SIXTH PRECINCT, FOURTH DISTRICT.

When there gathered at the office of the Evening Star last evening, some of the members of the Sixth Precinct Club they had a deal of business to do for there had not yet been a meeting of the club for the present campaign. The result of the election was that F. C. Smith was chosen president, Herman Kruger, vice president, E. Aldrich, secretary and G. Waldo Burgess, treasurer. The judges of election for the primary will be Capt. Ray, Herman Kruger and E. Aldrich. The nominations for the conventions resulted as follows:

Territorial Convention: E. C. Smith, L. H. Wolf.

District Committee: Dr. G. W. Burgess, Herman Kruger, P. M. Brooks and L. H. Wolf.

SEVENTH PRECINCT, FOURTH DISTRICT.

The Waimanalo Republicans had a busy time for they gave their club being last evening as well as named the candidates for the next meeting's voting. The election resulted as follows: President, Geo. Chalmers, vice president, A. Adams, secretary, Treasurer, Keau. The nominations were as follows:

Territorial Convention: A. Adams.

District Committee: G. Chalmers.

SECOND PRECINCT, FIFTH DISTRICT.

There was a fairly good attendance at the meeting of Kahuku Republicans and the nominations will bring out a good attendance at the primaries next week. The men put up are as follows:

Territorial convention: Andrew Adams.

District committee: L. E. Maynard, George Kekaula, S. Kahaku, J. Ahning, C. Kaali.

THIRD PRECINCT, FIFTH DISTRICT.

The meeting of the Wai'alea club at the court house, was one which had some life and there will be a hot canvass at the primaries next Saturday. During the meeting there was sprung the question of the stand of the only two nominees for the Territorial convention upon the city and county government. Col. Iaukea declared for it and W. W. Goodale said it was a matter which had never been discussed as a party policy other than in the last convention. The declaration was made by the club that it favored the plan and that the candidate for the convention should be he who made the declaration. According to this Col. Iaukea was declared the candidate, though Mr. Goodale had supporters who wished his name to be submitted to the primaries. There was no other fight. Mr. Goodale resigned from the executive committee. The results were:

Territorial convention: C. P. Iaukea.

District committee: Ben Naukana, Ohule, W. W. Goodale, Henry Wharton.

FIFTH PRECINCT, FIFTH DISTRICT.

There was a fair attendance and any amount of enthusiasm at the meeting at Ewa. There were no contests. The nominations were:

Territorial Convention: George F. Renton.

District Committee: David Douglass, Louis Warren.

SIXTH PRECINCT, FIFTH DISTRICT.

The meeting at Ewa court house was well attended by Republicans several names being signed to the roll. The nominations were as follows:

Territorial Convention: W. G. Ashley, L. L. McCandless, S. Hookano, E. B. Mikalemi, J. H. Kunewa, H. K. Meemano, D. W. Kahapoi.

District Committee: S. Archer, D. J. McCarthy, H. H. Wilkinson, R. Woodward, J. H. Punewa, T. B. Mikalemi, A. Kaui, J. E. Kahoa, H. K. Merriman, G. W. Nawapoi, S. N. Avera, H. Dunsehe, R. A. McKeague, L. L. McCandless, C. H. Arnold.

SEVENTH PRECINCT, FIFTH DISTRICT.

The Seventh Precinct, the battle ground of the district was expected to furnish some lively rallies but they did not materialize. There was some discussion over every point but in the end there was a degree of unity over the naming of the candidates for the club. The men who go to the conventions are many. The only feature was the insistence of Stewart that he should not be a candidate as he was out of politics "just now." The nominations were as follows:

Territorial Convention: D. H. Huddy, E. C. Winston, J. Kalama, K. R. G. Wallace, E. J. Crawford, W. R. Sims, William Henry, W. L. Wilcox, Henry P. Vida, I. H. Sherwood, and J. L. Holt.

District Committee: Jos. Fern, William Olepau, James Kaene, E. C. Winston, William Henry, George Farn, J. Cockett, P. A. Lloyd, Jr., W. L. Wilcox, D. P. Zebian, E. H. Clark, I. H. Sherwood, F. Mahelona, A. E. Lloyd, J. A. Aheng, J. L. Holt, William Mutch, George Barger.

EIGHTH PRECINCT, FIFTH DISTRICT.

The meeting of the Eighth Precinct was held in the Achi warehouse and there was a large attendance of the members of the club. The men who have the leading in the precinct got together and finally decided upon a ticket which probably will represent the majority of the voters. The nominees are as follows:

Territorial convention. W. C. Achi, John C. Lane.

District committee: C. B. Dwight, W. C. Achi, John C. Lane, J. D. Avery, H. Viela Jr., Kapono Kanikolio.

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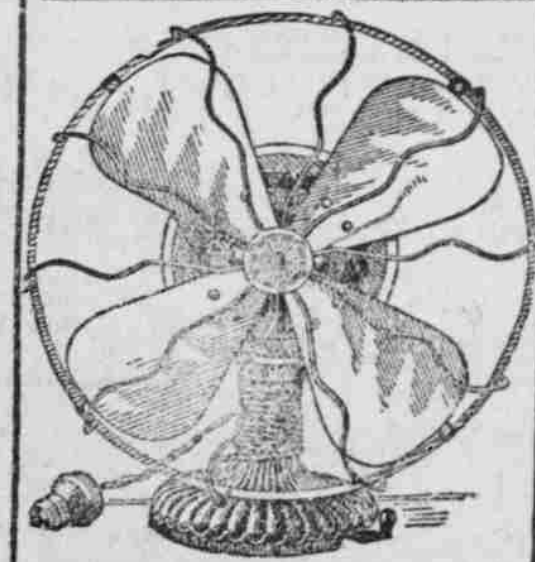
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